

DECISION



**THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL
OF THE UNITED STATES**
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20548

FILE: B-187075

DATE: August 9, 1976

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MATTER OF: Becker & Goldstein, Inc.

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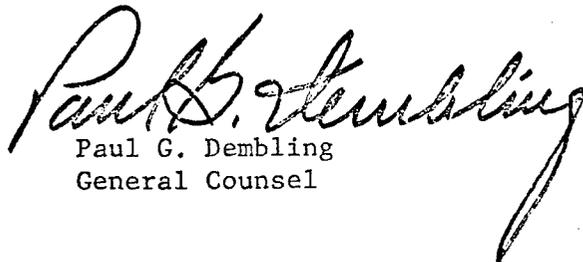
Since conclusive authority to decide small business size status of bidder is vested by statute in SBA, our Office is precluded from considering protests involving such matter.

Becker & Goldstein, Inc. (B&G), protests the award of a contract under invitation for bids No. N62472-75-B-0439, issued by the Department of the Navy, Naval Facilities Engineering Command. Counsel for B&G maintains that the apparent successful bidder, Blakselee, Arpaia & Chapman, Inc., is not a small business and should not receive an award.

Bids were opened on July 20, 1976, and B&G protested Blakselee's size status to the contracting officer on July 21, 1976.

The issue raised by B&G concerns the size status of Blakselee. Under 15 U.S.C. § 637(b)(6) (1970), conclusive authority to determine the size status of bidders rests with the Small Business Administration. Consequently, our Office is precluded from considering the matter. Tate Engineering, Inc., B-186788, July 23, 1976.

In view of this we are closing our file on the matter without further action.


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General Counsel